survey to strengthen the Public Distribution System in remote areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Central Government has been impressing from time to time upon the Governments of States/Union Territories, who are responsible for implementation of Public Distribution System in their respective areas, to ensure proper and adequate supply of essential commodities, like food grains, edible oils, levy sugar, kerosene oil etc., through the retail outlets of Public Distribution System in all parts of the States, particularly the inaccessible, remote and far-flung areas. Guidelines have been issued to all the States/Union Territories to ensure that areas, particularly rural, remote and hilly parts which are unserved or relatively under-served by the Public Distribution System get proper coverage in the opening of fair price shops, including mobile shops. They have also been advised to develop proper monitoring system at Block, District and State Headquarters levels to ensure up-to-date information in respect of supply or otherwise of essential commodities to the Fair Price Shops, set up Consumers Advisory and Vigilance Committees at various levels including fair price shops level and tighten inspection and enforcement measures to ensure that fair price shops function effectively and essential commodities reach the people, particularly those belonging to the weaker and vulnerable sections of the population.

(b) No, Sir.

Allotment of accommodation to Army Officers at Naval Bases

2195. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications received by the Committee appointed by the Ministry of Defence to look into the matter of allotment of Types 'A' and 'B' accommodation to army officers including naval officers, posted at naval bases in the Southern Command area;

(b) what is the number of applications considered and the number of officers to whom accommodation has been allotted so far; and

(c) what is the number of pending applications and by when these are likely to be disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) to (c) No Committee has been appointed by the Ministry of Defence to look into the allotment of accommodation to service officers.

Request for supply of DLZ cars by DCP (Security) New Delhi

2196. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 17th April, 1986 the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Security) New Delhi addressed a communication to the Manager of Indian Tourism Development Corporation asking for supply DLZ cars with clean shaved drivers: and

(b) if so, what action has been taken against the official for violating Government's policy of non-discrimination on the basis of religion or caste?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The objective was to get smartly turned out drivers for VIP duties.

(b) Does not arise.